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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
JOHN A. BECKMAN

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Filed: February 18, 1998

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
A VEHICLE FRAME ASSEMBLY  
INCLUDING HYDROFORMED SIDE  
RAILS HAVING INTEGRALLY  
FORMED MOUNTING AREAS

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Examiner Trinh Nguyen

Attorney Docket 1-5119

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

RESPONSE

Honorable Sir:

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 11, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by the Horton et al. reference. This rejection is traversed.

Claim 1 specifically defines the invention as a method for manufacturing a vehicle frame assembly that is adapted to be resiliently supported upon a plurality of vehicle wheels by a suspension system and is adapted to serve as a platform upon